

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response filed on 3/23/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-9, 11-19, 23-28 and 30-38.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on 15 October 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


JEAN M. CORNIELUS
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on March 23, 2005.
2. Claims 1-3, 10, 20-22, 29 and 39 canceled. Claims 4-6, 8, 12-13, 19, 23-25, 27, 31-32 and 38 are amended. Claims 4-9, 11-19, 23-28 and 30-38 are presented.
Dependent claims of the application to properly depend from either previously allowed Claim 11 or allowed Claim 30.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4-9, 11-19, 23-28 and 30-38 are allowed.

Reason For Indicating Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 11 and 30 identify distinct feature, the computer system and method for retrieving and displaying SMBIOS data relating to the configuration and component of a computing system to a user via a display terminal. The closest prior art Schaefer et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,192) and/or Seki et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,922) disclose for database of SMBIOS structures containing data related to the configuration of the computing system and components of the computing system, utility, which in response

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to commands from a user, retrieves data from the database and displays the data on the display terminal, and template file separate from the utility, containing information for interpreting and displaying the SMBIOS data retrieved by the utility from the database, wherein the template file eliminates the requirement that the information for interpreting and displaying the data stored in the database be contained in the utility. The prior art does not address computer method and system for group of bits in the bit field N bits and can define 2^N values, where less than 2^N values are defined, and wherein the template file further includes a data descriptor key indicating to the utility a last defined value for each group of bits such that the template file does not include and the utility does not search for undefined bit field group values. Schaefer et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,629,192) and/or Seki et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,922) fail to suggest the claimed limitation as mentioned above in combination with other limitations of the dependent and independent claims. The claims 4-9, 11-19, 23-28 and 30-38 are hereby allowed.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac M Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4043. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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